

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: September 27th, 2026



“My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me” (John 10.27)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 28TH TO OCTOBER 4TH

Monday, 28 th	Ferial	No Mass
Office Closed		
Tuesday, 29 th	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael – Feast	
9:30 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)	
	+Claire Munt (Martin Family)	
10:00 a.m.	Devotion – Our Mother of Perpetual Help Litany	
	St. Francis Grade 9 Retreat – Church Hall	
Wednesday, 30 th	St. Jerome – Memorial	
9:30 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)	
	+Annette Martin (Martin Family)	
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	St. Francis Grade 9 Retreat – Church Hall	
Thursday, 1 st	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus – Memorial	
9:30 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)	
	+Elizabeth Murphy (L&M Leonard, M&P Meloney & P&M Powers)	
	St. Francis Grade 9 Retreat – Church Hall	
Friday, 2 nd	The Holy Guardian Angels – Memorial	
9:00 a.m.	+Renata Miketic (A&T Miketic)	
	All Members of Star of the Sea	
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 3 rd		
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession	
5:00 p.m.	Liv. & Dec. Members of the Zahra Family (D Howard & Family)	
Sunday, 4 th	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am.	Holy Souls (N Vendittelli)	
	+Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli)	
11:00 a.m.	+Joseph Montague (M Paroyan)	
	+Dorothy McIntyre (CWL)	
	+Arnaldo Pietro Izzo (CWL)	

From a Deacon’s Heart

Small Groups at Star of the Sea

Page 3 of our diocesan Pastoral Plan, **Light from Light: Setting Hearts on Fire with God’s Love**, sets out **eight images** of the Diocese we are building together. **One of these eight is small groups**. This initiative is beginning right now in our parish.

The image is, “*III. Imagine parishes where people come together in small groups to learn and grow - and where holiness is nurtured and lives are transformed.*”

This small group program is just being born at Star of The Sea Parish, and like all new-borns, it needs the whole family’s support, and care, and participation. The first rounds of small groups are only a beginning. With the love and support of our parish family, the program will grow and mature to meet the needs of our parish, our diocese, and our world.

Our prayers for the success of this new initiative are welcome, but more is needed: our presence, our participation, our patience ... **and** our prayers.

There are announcements - with **further information and contacts** - on the Star of the Sea **parish website**.

Vibrant small groups are **one of** the eight images of parish renewal. But this is different from most of the others; it isn’t an **outcome** - it isn’t a dream down the road. The small group initiative is a **cause**, not an **effect** - and it’s **now**, right now - **not down the road**. It’s the catalyst **for all eight of** the outcomes of **Light From Light**:

I. Imagine parishes alive and growing, pulsating with life and joy, centred around vibrant Eucharistic liturgies where God is honoured with awe and hearts are moved to deep worship.

II. Imagine communities where families gather, where people feel proud to invite their neighbours and friends and where newcomers are welcomed and embraced.

III. Imagine parishes where people come together in small groups to learn and grow and where holiness is nurtured and lives are transformed.

IV. Imagine parishes that prioritize the sick, the hungry, the hurting and the excluded, that are beacons of hope for those who are wounded and suffering, where people are invited to meet Jesus in the care we have for them.

V. Imagine parishes where every person hears God’s summons to live their baptismal call to ordained, vowed, married or single life. Where people are equipped to bring Jesus to a lost and hurting world.

VI. Imagine clergy sustained and supported by capable lay leaders who share leadership and responsibility for the community.

VII. Imagine Jesus at the centre of everything we do, and parishes so fruitful that our walls are too small for what God is doing.

VIII. Imagine our diocese at Easter in 2033, with parishes filled with people whose hearts are on fire and who have collectively ignited the hearts of 2,000 new people to seek baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church

Pax et Bonum Deacon Maurice o.f.s.

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Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of September

FOR THE CARE OF WATER--Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for the 106 years of service by the Carmelite Sisters D.C.J. and Mount Carmel Home

Thursday October 1st
at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria
3 Lyman Street,
St. Catharines, Ontario

Mass at 2:00pm
Reception to follow



The office is in the process of updating our Parish Data System, for parishioners who donate by envelope / E-Transfer / AFT (automatic fund transfer) please

complete the **Parish Information Form** and return in next week’s collection basket. If you are interested in donating through either of the means mentioned above, please contact the office either by email starofthesea@saintcd.com or call 905-934-1170.

Life Chain is a peaceful public witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Christians pray for its end and hold signs bearing truths such as “Abortion Kills Children,” “Abortion Hurts Women,” and “Jesus Forgives & Heals” at hundreds of locations from coast to coast. Please set aside just one hour on Sunday October 4th at 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to gather together at Lake St. and Carlton St. This is a special opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed wake-up call. Remember how Our Lord asked His apostles: “*Could you not watch one hour with me?*” (Mk 14:37)



2nd Annual Bishop's Fundraising Gala —

Save the date! This year's Light the Way Gala is taking place Friday, November 27 at the Niagara Falls Convention Centre. Join us for an evening celebrating Bishop Bergie's vision for dynamic parishes, with proceeds supporting faith formation for the laity and the education of our seminarians. Enjoy a live and silent auction, wonderful food and company, entertainment, and a word from Bishop Bergie himself. Tickets are available through the diocesan website — scan the QR code to purchase yours!



PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish’s intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com

‘He who prays most receives most.’
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

CWL CORNER

(Catholic Women's League)
“Blessed are the Poor”



E-transfer payments for the CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation- Orange Shirt Day! Please join our CWL members at morning Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 30. at 9:30 a.m. We will join the grade 9 students of St. Francis Catholic Secondary School who are having their school Mass at that time. Adoration of the blessed sacrament will follow the Mass. Please wear orange as a symbol of unity with our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters.

Tickets for **Trivia Night** will be available before and after each Mass this weekend! The cost is \$25/person or \$175 for a table of 8!

Our **next CWL Mass** is on Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

October 7, 2026, **The Feast of the Holy Rosary**. Our CWL will be holding a Living Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in the church. If you would like to be part of this prayerful event, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church. Each individual will represent one bead of the rosary and will pray that prayer. Multiple languages are welcome and encouraged!



Oct. 3 rd / 4 th	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	Dn. Maurice	K Gilmore	CWL
Lector	P Waters	M / K Wong	CWL
Hospitality Ministers	D MacNeill M Ford N Linkson	Zacharchuk Family	CWL

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:



September 20th, 2026



Parishioner Envelopes		\$ 3,725.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$ 432.00
	USD	\$ 50.00
Indigenous Reconciliation		\$ 30.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$ 4,237.00
Our Special Needs		\$ 215.00

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU